

# CDC IN ACTION:

## Containing Public Health Threats in *Sierra Leone*



### Stopping Measles in its Tracks

CDC and partners work 24/7 to rapidly contain disease outbreaks, ensuring that they do not spread around the world.



In April 2016, **CDC analyzed data** from disease surveillance systems to identify public health threats in Sierra Leone.



The team found that there had been **over 4,000 cases of measles** since the start of the year. Measles is a highly contagious and deadly disease, especially for children.



CDC took quick action, helping **vaccinate over 2.8 million children** against the disease and continues to monitor for new outbreaks.



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